

WP/NNA NEWSLETTER

West Paces/Northside
Neighborhood Association, Inc.
Box 291, 1266 W. Paces Ferry Road, N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30327

OFFICERS

President Jack Hellriegel
jehellriegel@bellsouth.net
Vice President Craig Perry
craigcperry@aol.com
Secretary Gayle Ferrell
gayleferrell@aol.com
Treasurer Joy Neal
jkneal@bellsouth.net

BOARD MEMBERS

Charles Adams (Rilman Rd)
charles@ca3construction.com
Jo Ellen Bradley (Longcourte Dr)
joellen.bradley@harrynorman.com
Scott Burch (E. Wood Valley)
sburch@twgall.com
Paige Creasman (E. Wood Valley)
paige_creasman@mckinsey.com
Sarah Crossman-Sullivan (E. Wood Valley)
sarahcrossmansullivan@hotmail.com
Steve Dickson (N. Wood Valley)
sdickson@wausapaper.com
Henry and Maxine Feinstein (Paces Forest)
hmfesq@juno.com
Robert Fox (E. Wood Valley)
RobertFox2@msn.com
Tom Frollik (Pine Meadow)
barbarafrollik@bellsouth.net
Fred Glass (Paces Forest)
tg@ladvisors.com
Lauren Hall (Ivanhoe Dr)
halllauren@aol.com
Brannon Huntz (E. Wood Valley)
bhuntz@fortress.com
Craig MacKenzie (Montana)
craigm87@aol.com
Ronnie Martin (Kilby Place)
ronnie@demillo.com
Abbie Michelson (Rilman Road)
abbiemichelson@mindspring.com
George Mori (Paces Forest)
gmori@novaregroup.com
James Nobles (Rilman Dr)
jnobles@jnobles.com
Sadler Stukes (Wood Valley)
sstukes@sanderoneill.com
Tom Tidwell (N. Wood Valley)
tom@tidwell-law.com
Andy and Cathy Williams (Wood Valley)
acwill@bellsouth.net

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Volume IX, No. 5

www.wpnna.org

September 2008

Yahoo Groups Project Update

In an effort to improve neighborhood communication, Ronnie Martin is in the process of setting up an e-mail notification system for the WPNNNA membership. This system will allow WPNNNA members to email the rest of the neighborhood without having to know everyone's email address. At this point the WPNNNA Yahoo Group has been used to send reminders about clean-up days and security reports to the membership. If you have a message of importance for the neighborhood, just send an email to the address: wpnna@yahoogroups.com.

Assuming no abuse of the system, it will continue to operate automatically, which is essential if the timeliness of the message is important. Be aware, however, that if people start spamming the neighborhood, Ronnie can easily set herself up as moderator so that all messages have to be approved by her

before being sent on to WPNNNA members. Ronnie has now emailed invitations to join the WPNNNA Yahoo Group to everyone in the WPNNNA that she had email addresses for, as well as those whose email addresses provided by other board members. At this point, we have 43 members in our online group! If you didn't receive an invitation to join the group and you are interested, email Ronnie at Ronnie@demillo.com and she will be happy to send you an invitation. When you receive your invitation, all you have to do is accept the invitation (there will a button to click on to "join this group"). The actual invitation will come from: rjmartin_2002@yahoo.com (Ronnie Martin, our wpnna moderator). The subject line will be Yahoo! Groups:

You're invited! Join wpnna today. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Ronnie at Ronnie@demillo.com.

Street Resurfacing

WPNNNA has initiated the process of having a number of streets in the neighborhood resurfaced. The City of Atlanta has determined that Paces Forest Road, Paces Forest Drive, Kilby Place and 36% of Rilman Road warrant resurfacing and have been placed on the street resurfacing list. As such, those streets will be included in the qualified streets for the 2009 Local Assistance Road Program

Workday Thanks!!!

On June 7th, we held a workday on Northside Drive. Thank you's go to the following neighbors who participated:
Carol Bird, Scott Burch, Steve Dickson, Lee Dudley, Robert Fox, Jack Hellriegel, Nancy Howerton, Brannon Hunt, Ronnie Martin, Craig Perry, Leslie Petter, Skip Petter, and Mark Spix,
Special thanks goes to Scott Burch for planting the roses on the triangle at Moores Mill and Northside Parkway. They look great!

2008 Membership Sets Record

We now have 261 dues-paying members in the West Paces/Northside Neighborhood Association. This is about 72% of our area's residents. This increase in membership has allowed us to maintain and actually increase the level of security this year verses 2007, in spite of the rise in fuel costs incurred by our off-duty police officers who patrol our neighborhood every day.

Craig Perry stated that "our increase in membership is also being seen by other neighborhood associations in Atlanta because people are truly concerned about the cutbacks in the city's services, increased traffic, public education problems and crime."

If you have not joined the Association or are new to the neighborhood and have not received a dues invoice, please contact Craig Perry at 404-771-8593 or craigcperry@aol.com.

Theatre in Atlanta

Atlanta is a city with a lot of things to do. For an evening out, you can eat at one of the city's great restaurants, take in a concert at Chastain Park , attend a ballgame (either pro or college), or spend a delightful evening at The Fox Theater taking in one of the musicals. It is a great way to have a New York experience without the hassle and expense of all that involves a trip to the Big Apple. The man who brings us these professional productions is Nick Manos, President of Theater of the Stars.

Nick grew up in the Lenox Mall area and attended E Rivers Elementary,

Westminster and the University of North Carolina. He met his wife, Laura, in college, and they live in Paces Forest with their three children, Andy 17, Kate 14 and Sam 11. Andy attends Westminster while Kate and Sam go to school at Whitefield.

The family has been back in Atlanta since 2000 when Nick came back to work with his dad, Chris, at Theater of the Stars. Chris has been with the company for 48 years.

Although Laura is not from Atlanta, she has a connection. Her grandfather is Fritz Orr, one of the original founders of Westminster.

Theater of the Stars averages about ten musicals a year at the Fox. They produce about half of the shows and present the other half. Some of the shows they've produced are *Oklahoma* and the *High School Musical* production that was here two years ago. For this coming season, they are also producing a number of plays, one of which is another *High School Musical* as well as *Les Miserable*. My wife was ecstatic to see that Jersey boys is coming in 2009.

So if you are looking for an evening of quality entertainment, check them out at theaterofthestars.com.

Security Update

We have been fortunate with very few incidents the past three months. If you read the Zone 2 crime reports for the last two weeks that have been posted on the WPNNA Yahoo Groups website, you will understand the prevalence of crimes in the Buckhead area, and that we have been fortunate.

This is a voluminous report, however, our patrol Beat is #202, right at the beginning, so you don't have to go through the entire report. We had one serious incident recently, with a car stolen out of a carport on North Wood Valley – it was recovered and the perpetrator arrested. There continue to be occasional car break-ins, mainly due to valuables being left in open sight. Please take extra care to remove valuables from sight in your parked car.

Block Captains

Attention all you wonderful neighbors on Rilman and connecting streets! We're looking for some block captains in your area.

If you'd like to help connect your neighbors by distributing our newsletters, sharing Good News, and updating our Staying Connected lists, please contact Sarah Crossman Sullivan at Sarah@CrossmanSullivan.com or Amy Tidwell at atidwell@wwusa.com.

Computers and Solutions

Home Computer Services for Buckhead

Richard S. Lawrence, III
3339 Pinestream Rd., NW, Atlanta, GA 30327
404.803.0674

Specializing in:

Virus and spyware removal • Computer maintenance and repair
Home networks (ethernet or wireless) • Building custom computers
Installation of new hardware • Installation & configuration of new computers

Home fees are based on \$40.00 per hour
(\$60.00 minimum)

- * Richard has 7 years of computer business experience.
- * He has customers throughout our neighborhood.
- * References are available upon request.

Note: Computers and Solutions does not work on Mac OS8 and below or Windows 95 and older.



"GO SLOW" Signs

Speeding traffic on our neighborhood roads continues to be a problem. We have a limited number of "Go Slow" signs suitable for posting in your yard.

If you want one or more, contact Jack Hellriegel at 404-261-4997, or email jehellriegel@bellsouth.net.

Board Meeting minutes are posted on our website:
www.wpnna.org

Solid Waste Services Office Announcement

Effective Monday, July 7, 2008, the City of Atlanta's Office of Solid Waste Services will move the previously outsourced collection of recyclables into the Solid Waste Services operation. This measure will save the City \$3 million dollars per year and improve service reliability.

The proposed FY09 budget anticipated reducing the frequency of collection of yard trimmings and recycling to every other week. Per our commitment to the Council during the budget briefings, we have continued to explore opportunities for increased efficiency within our solid waste collection crews, and have successfully re-organized our routes and crews to continue providing weekly collection of garbage, yard trimmings and recycling.

We are also expanding the recycling program to include collection of cardboard. This new service will allow for cardboard to be picked up as part of the recycling collections, as long as it is broken down and dry. You may continue using your existing recycle container(s) or a larger container with a lid if clearly labeled **"Recycling"**.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact the Department of Public Works' Customer Service Division at 404.330.6333.

Valerie Bell-Smith
On Behalf of
Joe Basista, Commissioner
Department of Public Works
(404) 330-6240 - O
(404) 658-6552 - F
jbasista@atlantaga.gov

When you join the West Paces/Northside Neighborhood Association, you help the neighborhood and yourself!

Zone 2 Report

Zone 2 encompasses about 40% of the city's geographical area. The two major increases in crime throughout Zone 2 are larceny from auto and burglary. The following numbers reflect the first 27 weeks of 2008:

59% increase in larceny. 1253 cars were broken into because of items left in cars.

31% increase in burglary.

200% increase in ARRESTS!!!!

12% DECREASE in robbery.

13% DECREASE in aggravated assault.

33% DECREASE in rape.

In early July, a woman was grocery shopping near Chastain Park. She

was followed home into a gated community on Wieuca Road. After bringing in the first load of groceries, she returned to the garage where she was confronted by a man who demanded her Rolex and other jewelry, forced her inside the house and forced her to hand over her ATM card and PIN number. He quickly fled and used her ATM card within minutes to withdraw \$400.

Zone 2 Commander, Major Sellers, does not want to unduly alarm us, but he does want us to be observant. This appears to be an isolated incident and does not appear similar to the "ring robberies". We should always pay attention to our surroundings!

Library Bond Referendum

On November 4, 2008 you will see a library bond referendum on the general election ballot that, when passed, will mean a greatly improved Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System.

Included in this issue of the WPNNA newsletter is a fact sheet listing all the many advantages of this referendum. For those of you who remember a PREVIOUS bond, passed in 1985, that bond has been completely paid off. This new bond provides monies not only to build new libraries where they are needed, but to improve and renovate existing libraries, including almost two million dollars for renovations and improvements to the Northside and Buckhead libraries!

Pace Academy Announcement

In an effort to improve carpool (and the quality of life of our neighbors!) we have hired a new police officer for BOTH morning and afternoon carpool on Rilman. The officer will be there for about 30 minutes in the morning and about 25 minutes at dismissal.

GOT GOOD NEWS??

Would you like to share some good news about your family, a birth in our neighborhood, a homerun and/or a goal scored? Please email your Good News to Sarah@CrossmanSullivan.com.

NEWSLETTER PRINTING
COURTESY OF:

JOELLEN BRADLEY

ASSOCIATE BROKER



404.261.6300 OFFICE
404.890.7622 DIRECT
404.422.6377 CELL
404.261.6310 FAX

JBRADLEY@BEACHAM.COM
WWW.BEACHAM.COM



Fulton County Libraries: Building for the Future Fact Sheet

Who

The voters of Fulton County go to the general election polls this November to vote on new, expanded and renovated libraries.

What

- \$275 million bond referendum for capital improvements to the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System
- 8 new branch libraries, 2 expanded libraries and 23 renovated libraries
- Fulton County Board of Commissioners voted to place the bond referendum on the November ballot based on a recommended facility master plan presented by the Library's Board of Trustees
- Includes \$85 million to build a new Central Library, with the remaining funds to come from the private sector

Why

With significant population growth in Fulton County, technological advances and consistent increase in library use over the last 20+ years, many current facilities have proven to be too small in size and not ideally located, with outdated infrastructures and facilities.

Input from a series of 37 public meetings, questionnaires, surveys, web and email responses was gathered, and the public's recommendations for improved library facilities and services were incorporated to expand and refine the master plan. The last bond referendum for library improvements was 1985, in the amount of \$38 million; the vote passed by 73%.

When

The general election vote is November 4, 2008; voters must register by October 6 – which they can do at any of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System branches.

Cost

A \$150,000 Fulton County home would see a library tax increase of \$18.96 per year to support this plan, or \$1.58 per month. A \$300,000 home would pay \$37.92 per year.

About Us

- Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System is a free service, open to all people no matter their age, education or economic circumstance.
- Education, literacy and lifelong learning are provided and enhanced by great libraries.
- Today's library is a vibrant, dynamic place offering a broad array of activities, exhibits, cutting-edge technology and classes along with the traditional collections and services you expect from a public library.
- Libraries make good neighbors – with 34 libraries throughout the county acting as community centers of learning and providing economic and cultural vitality to the areas they serve.
- Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American Culture and History, the first of its kind in the Southeast, offers specialized reference and archival collections for the study and research of African cultures.

- The Central Library is the hub or headquarters of the entire 34 library system – it serves all branches and library patrons with reference help, special collections, archives and research services.
- Fulton County residents love their libraries! Last year they made over 3.7 million visits to our 34 libraries; numbers continue to increase every year in our system and nationwide – libraries are more relevant today than ever.

By the Numbers

Population served: 988,337

Registered Fulton County voters: 498,366

Library card holders: 453,434

Collection: 2,366,299 (books, subscriptions, DVDs, CDs, videos, e-books, etc.)

Public computers: 681

Annual visits: 3,701,181

Website visits: 6,926,490

Reference questions answered: 1,619,064

Circulation: 3,479,086

Children's circulation: 1,628,271

Attendance at children's programs: 174,739

More Details About the Plan

8 New Branch Libraries:

Alpharetta

Palmetto / Chattahoochee Hill Country

East Roswell

Milton

Northwest Atlanta

Southeast Atlanta

Stewart-Lakewood

Wolf Creek

2 Expanded Libraries:

Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History

South Fulton

New Central Library:

Includes \$85 million to build a new Central Library, with the additional funds to come from the private sector

23 Renovated Libraries:

Adams Park

Adamsville/Collier Heights

Buckhead

Cleveland Avenue

College Park

Dogwood

East Atlanta

East Point

Fairburn

Hapeville

Kirkwood

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mechanicsville

Northeast/Spruill Oaks

Northside

Ocee

Peachtree

Ponce de Leon

Roswell

Sandy Springs

Southwest

Washington Park

West End



UPDATE ON APS

By the time this newsletter reaches everyone, you should have received your 2009 property tax bill. The majority of our property taxes go to Atlanta Public Schools (APS), so we thought we would list the facts as we see them.

- 53% of everyone's property tax bill goes to APS whose budget for 2008-09 is \$662,000,000. APS's budget is greater than the City of Atlanta's budget and also is over 10% greater than their budget last year.
- APS has projected 49,000 + public school students for 2008-09, which is less than the number of students in the public school system last year. On a per student basis this equates to approximately \$14,000 per student. The cost per student is 2 or 3 times the cost to educate students in the surround-

ing counties and cities similar to Atlanta. (i.e., Charlotte and Cincinnati).

Last week's AJC reported that Georgia has now moved down to 47th place when ranking each state's SAT average. Atlanta's SAT average for verbal and math is 860, which is slightly higher than Clayton County's score but 157 points below the national SAT average of 1017. In fact, Atlanta's scores pull down Georgia's SAT average.

While APS tells everyone that Atlanta Public Schools are improving and on the right track, we disagree with their conclusions. We also did not agree with their recommendation to increase this year's budget, especially in light of a declining student population and its continued poor academic performance.

Brandon, Jackson and Sarah Smith continue to be among the best elementary schools in Atlanta and Georgia. Unfortunately most of the other public schools in Atlanta have not achieved the same success as these schools

We believe that everyone's property taxes could be reduced as much as 20-25% and that the City's public education system would be improved by doing such things as having charter schools competing with APS. We also think APS's administration costs which run about \$5500 per student are way out of line when compared to other school systems. To that end, some of us will be working to see what can be done to change and improve the public school system in Atlanta. We will continue to report on APS in future newsletters.

Connect Atlanta

Last year the City of Atlanta received a grant from Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to devise our first-ever comprehensive transportation plan. Other jurisdictions in the metro region received grants, as well. The idea is to incorporate all of these plans in our region for the purpose of prioritizing specific projects for federal funding requests.

As Transportation Chair of the Atlanta City Council, I have been encouraging all to participate in the planning. Atlanta has been holding public meetings all around our city to gather input on traffic and transportation ideas and we are now coming to conclusion. Our consultants have received input, gathered ideas and are now presenting to the Council and the public the city-wide plan for finalization before the Council votes on the plan this fall.

The final four public presentations will be held from 6-8 PM on the following dates:

- September 8 at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
- September 9 at Cascade Road United Methodist Church
- September 16 at Trolley Barn
- September 18 At City Hall-old Council Chambers

The maps and projects can also be viewed on-line at: www.connectatlantaplan.com or call 404-330-6800

Transportation is near the top of everyone's lists of metro and city-wide challenges and everyone's input is important. Many have read of some of the consultants' suggestions of converting some of downtown's one-way streets back to two-way streets. Other change suggestions relate to neighborhoods directly affecting your neighborhoods.

NORTHSIDE DRIVE and NORTHSIDE PARKWAY- I have worked for many years on this stretch of US 41 with Georgia Department of transportation (GDOT). The state route in the 8th District runs from I-75 at Mt Paran Road to near Collier at I-75 and beyond. (The Northside Drive that veers north near Arden is a city street). DGOT's study of the reversible lane section between Arden and Collier was vetted with eight neighborhoods nearly ten years ago and the project has been slow to begin. We're now being told that the project will begin in 2010. It involves removing the reversible lane and having the middle portion become a turn lane. North of the reversible lane segment of US 41, Northside Parkway, has been studied by our consultants. One suggestion is a "road diet" for this segment. This would consist of widening the median (I assume it would become a planted median) and turning the segment into two lanes instead of four. Let me know your opinions!

Come to a Connect Atlanta public meeting or go on line to see our progress. We need your input on how we can better manage traffic in our city and region.

Clair Muller
Atlanta City Council
Atlanta Regional Commission

2008 West Paces/Northside Neighborhood Association

Asheworth Ct.

Caswell
Jackson
Joiner
Makarechi
Petter
Phillips
Queller
Raulet
Slovits

E. Wood Valley Rd.

Bethel
Burch
Caroline
Chrismser
Confer
Covington
Creasman
Davis
Dicks
Ellingsen-Schlant
Fox
Freeman
Gordon
Hamburger
Holdroyd
Hull
Huntz
Kuester
Llewellyn
Mace
Midis
Nottingham
Orr
Pipkorn
Pritchard
Ratcliff
Roach
Schuver
Sullivan
Tarkenton
Wender
Wiedeman
Wise

Gatewood Ct.

Diaz
Greenbaum
OHare
Randall

Ivanhoe Dr.

Appleby
Cowles
Davis
Deeter
Ecker
Goodwin
Hall
Lanier

Ivanhoe Dr. (cont'd)

Peyton
Reinersten
Shamburger
Warren
White
Kilby Place
Demillo
Giometti
Gruss
Hyland
Levy
Rogers
Sutton
Walker

Longcourte Dr.

Bradley
Brody
Holmes
Howard
Johnson
Malone
White

Montana Rd.

Fraser
Heimburger
Hoke
Johns
Levine
Long
MacKenzie
Padgett
Pettway
Phillips
Rogers
Suzman
Tirrell

Moores Mill Rd.

Adams
Evans
Myers
Sanders
Siegel
Turner

N. Wood Valley Rd.

Dickson
Hines
Tidwell
York

Paces Forest Dr.

Bird
Citron
Curtis
Dryman
Faussemagne

Paces Forest Dr. (cont')

Feinstein
Flynn
Goetz
Gupton
Hatch
Johnston
Lange
Lines
Lippitt
Manos
Murphy
Patrie
Vanderver
Vijayvergyia

Paces Forest Rd.

Duncan
Ferguson
Fowler
Glass
Hundley
Johnson
Mori
Sullivan
Towles

Pine Meadow Rd.

Acuff
Braswell
Brochstein
Cushman
Davis
Frolik
Gray
Hicks
Kinser
Leonard
Shea
Shepherd
Shingler

Pinestream Rd.

Allison
Been
Black
Bowen
Browne
Dudley
Elting
Ferrell
Fiveash
Hallmark
Hannon
Hedgpeth
Hellriegel
Hurt
Klemmer
LaLonde
Lawrence
Leroux

Pinestream Rd. (cont'd)

McMurtrie
Munford
Neal
Newton
Perry
Pope
Quantz
Schweizer
Smith
Spix
Tekin
Thornwell
Wolf
Wright
Zimmerman

Rilman Drive

Franco
Hull
Lisa
Martin
Nobles
Walraven
Walton
Weiner

Rilman Lake Ct.

Craigie
Inman
McKinley
Rilman Rd.
Adams
Assaf
Berry
Bowden
Brown
Burdett
Cordle
Davis
Dinkins
Grabowski
Hawkins
Hayes
Hudson
Johnson
Krohngold
McGovern
Moussa
Napier
O'Gara
Palmerston
Platz
Rees
Schonberg
Schulte
Sites
Story
Thomas
Trower
Wise

W. Paces Ferry Ct.

Aul
Brickley
Ferguson
Hopkins
Howerton
Massie
McCoy
Orr
Padgett
Spiotta
Tipton

W. Paces Ferry Rd.

Correll
Davis
DeRose
Hutner
Seitz
Taylor

Wood Valley Rd.

Bloom
Caldwell
Davis
Dunlap
Freeman

Hamilton

Jones
Jordan

Lally

LeCraw

Loewy

Macon

Mayfield

Milling

Moseley

Murphy

Orr

Parker

Porter

Powell

Sanders

Shelton

Siegel

Smith

Sport

Stukes

Taylor

Tisdale

Waterson

Watson

Wiedeman

Williams

York

**WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
2008 MEMBERSHIP & SECURITY PATROL APPLICATION**

SIGN UP TODAY!

Total for 2008 Membership Dues and Security Patrol Participation: \$250.00

Enclosed is \$ _____ for participation in my neighborhood's Security Patrol for 2008.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

Email (*please write clearly*): _____

Name of each family/household member: _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

I would like to serve on the following committees:

- | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain | |

When you join the West Paces/Northside Neighborhood Association, Inc.,
you help the neighborhood and yourself.

Please send your completed form and check to:

WEST PACES/NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Box 291, 1266 W. Paces Ferry Rd., NW
Atlanta, GA 30327